



Monthly Newsletter to the Midwest VJMC Community

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This is a newsletter covering what is going on in the Midwest with our VJMC friends. Please send us your events, activities, or interesting stories. We will keep you informed about the above topics and want to see our region grow. Please pass this newsletter to any of your friends and let's build a community. Any correspondence will be kept private and no information will be given out without your permission.

December 2023 Edition: *Buddy Walton:* Winter is just around the corner!

Mark Bayer: Four things to do until Spring?

Help us with our list of competent vintage motorcycle mechanic in the Midwest:

Most of us can't "do it all" when working on vintage bikes. Most dealers will not work on bikes older than 20 years, some even less. We are fortunate to have several good local options with vast experience, servicing vintage bikes. Use your due diligence choosing a shop which you feel comfortable with and can meet your requirements. Please take into consideration that they are dealing with many mechanical and electrical unknowns which can require extensive troubleshooting (carbs, ignitions and charging systems for instance). Also sourcing parts can be time consuming, Back ordered or out of stock. A list is available now if you use the link below. If you have a favorite in your area (Midwest) let us know and we will post them! List people who do good work and we will add to our list which "should" be published next month.

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current list: <https://tinyurl.com/Vintage-Repair-Shops>



What to do till Spring 2024:

Things slow down within the motorcycle community as the end of the year comes to a close. I suppose people in the warmer southern states don't feel it as hard as those of us who are in the northern part of the country. I have four suggestions to make. *First*, go through the VJMC magazines which you may not have had time to read earlier in the year. I typically will stack up some magazines and go through them from front cover to back cover. I guarantee you, you will find some interesting articles which you missed earlier in the year. Rather than tossing them out, consider putting them in a waiting room where people place reading material. *Secondly*, make notes about some event which you might want to attend in 2024. Put a note on your calendar as a reminder as the new year progresses and see which event (s) you might be able to attend. I have been challenging members for several years to try to attend at least two (or more) events yearly. Believe me, this will help you get connected. *Thirdly*, make sure your membership has been updated. As you know, rates are going up in 2024, so renew while you are still at the current amount. VJMC really appreciates your active participation. In my "Member Profile" articles, I have featured many people who have maintained their memberships well over 20 years, thank you again! *Finally*, these winter months are a great time to do needed work on your vintage bike or delve deeper into a restoration. Well, Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

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Go through your past VJMC magazines!



Start or continue a restoration!



Plan on attending at least two events in 2024. National Rally's are always fun to attend!